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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. INTERDICTION STATISTICS ARE UP FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE WEEK AS INVESTIGATIONS, ROADBLOCKS AND CLANDESTINE AIR-STRIP SURVEILLANCE YIELD RESULTS.

B. ERADICATION ACHIEVEMENTS ARE DOWN, HOWEVER, AS TROOPS, WHO HAVE BEEN IN FIELD FOR TWO MONTHS, WERE RESTED AT FORWARD BASES DURING HOLY WEEK. ERADICATION EFFORTS IN SINALOA WILL TERMINATE DURING NEXT REPORTING PERIOD AND TROOPS IN THAT AREA WILL SHIFT TO DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

C. EIGHT HELICOPTERS AND FIVE CESSNA AIRCRAFT WERE
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OPERATIONAL DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. TWO 212 HELICOPTERS

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UNDER REPAIR IN MEXICO CITY WILL BE IN OPERATION IN NEXT
REPORTING PERIOD.

D. DRAUGHT IN CAMPAIGN AREA IS SLOWING POPPY MATURATION.

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 360
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 744,733
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 34,124,107
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 184

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 62
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 89,685
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 3,420,155
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 22

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 2
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 2,235
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 99,630
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 55

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 3.207
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED 8,456,950
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 22,027,469
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 2,090

MARIHUANA
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PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 1,338
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED 3,446,903
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED 138,544,170
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 852

MIXED (POPPIES AND MARIHUANA)

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PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 127
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED 670,005
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED 30,536,873
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED 166
BUNDLES OF POPPIES DESTROYED 35
BUNDLES OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED 27
PERSONS ARRESTED 27
MARIHUANA DRYING SHEDS DESTROYED 54
IRRIGATION PUMPS DESTROYED 2
TRACTORS SEIZED 1
METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED 5,585
OPIUM GUM SEIZED 20 GRAMS
BOXES OF BLASTING CAPS SEIZED 6
FUSE CORD SEIZED 1 ROLL
VEHICLES SEIZED 1
MARIHUANA SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED 500 GRAMS
MANICURED MARIHUANA DESTROYED 237 KILOGRAMS

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

ARRESTS 101
VEHICLES SEIZED 1
MARIHUANA DESTROYED 97 KILOGRAMS
OPIUM GUM SEIZED 600 GRAMS
COCAINE SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA,
CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO AND SONORA 436
GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED 43
LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED 4
MARIHUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED 52,985 KILOGRAMS
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RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND/OR HANDGUNS SEIZED 96
HEROIN LABORATORIES SEIZED 8
HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED 15 KILOGRAMS
HEROIN SEIZED 14.475 KILOGRAMS
OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHINE BASE) DESTROYED 3 LITERS
OPIUM GUM SEIZED 16.3 KILOGRAMS
COCAINE SEIZED 3.04 KILOGRAMS
POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED 28.12 KILOGRAMS
HAND GRENADES SEIZED 1
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED 20,000

3. COMPASS TRIP

COMPASS TRIP (REMOTE SENSINS) EQUIPMENT IS FUNCTIONING
PERFECTLY. FILM BEING DEVELOPED WHICH WAS TAKEN DURING

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THREE FLIGHTS TO VERIFY DESTRUCTION REPORTS IN SINALOA.

4. COMMENTS

ERADICTION ACTIVITY WILL PICK UP IN LATTER HALF
OF NEXT REPORTING PERIOD WHEN TROOPS RETURN TO FIELD
FOLLOWING END OF HOLY WEEK. JOVA

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